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SUBJECT: JOHN W. DAVIS CASE

1. ON APRIL 22 AND 28, 1976, WE WERE VISITED BY JOHN DAVIS' SON BRUCE WHO WISHED TO INFORM US OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THEIR LAND PROBLEMS. AS YOU MAY NOTE IN PAULO ROLO'S MEMO OF APRIL 22, 1976, ON HIS VISIT (COPY OF WHICH WAS POUCHED TO YOU), REFERENCE IS MADE TO A REPORT PREPARED BY INCRA IN MARCH 1976 ON THE LAND PROBLEMS INVOLVING MR. DAVIS. THE REPORT MENTIONS THE FACT THAT WHEN THE INCRA MEMBERS ARRIVED IN THE AREA TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY THEY HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO DO, THEY FOUND SOME STATE MILITARY POLICEMEN THERE WHO WERE QUOTE INVESTIGATING REPORTED THEFTS OF LUMBER AND INVASION OF THE LAND OWNED BY CAPAZ UNQUOTE. BRUCE DAVIS TOLD US THAT THE POLICEMEN LEDT THE AREA WHEN THE INCRA OFFICIALS ARRIVED AND HAVE NOT RETURNED SINCE. THIS FACT, HE SAYS, HAS INCREASED THEIR CONCERN FOR THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY.

2. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD APPROACH THE OFFICIALS OF YOUR STATE SECRETARIAT OF SECURITY TO INFORM THEM OF THIS AND TO REQUEST THAT POLICE PROTECTION BE RESTORED TO DAVIS' PROPERTY WHERE, ACCORDING TO BRUCE DAVIS, LAND INVASIONS AND LUMBER THEFTS CONTINUE. YOU MIGHT ALSO MENTION TO THEM THAT WE HAVE SENT A NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKING FOR GOB ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATING THE DISPUTES AND PERSONAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE DAVIS FAMILY.

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